A Legacy...

beginning in the days of our first president,
Arthur Anton Hamerschlag...

A Tradition... From its inception, Carnegie Tech, now Carnegie Mellon University, has embodied a spirit of innovation, a drive to excel.

Beginning with the founding of Carnegie Technical Schools in 1900 by Andrew Carnegie and the establishment of Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1912, our legacy has spanned 91 years, has touched more than 45,000 alumni and has extended through seven presidencies.

This weekend, May 18-19, 1991, a very special group of alumni has returned to campus after nearly 70 years to help celebrate our past and dedicate our future.

These honored guests were students during the very first presidential administration (Arthur A. Hamerschlag, 1903-22).

They have joined us to remind us of their heritage and to help commemorate the installation of our seventh president, Dr. Robert Mehrabian.

For a moment, though, let us turn our thoughts to past years, past lives, our memories of Carnegie...

The Fence, 1944

For many years, only seniors could si
Fence, a gift of the Class of 1923. Th
calling freshmen "plebes" and making
hats, has disappeared. But the Fence
campus landmark have endured for n
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Sweepstakes

In 1920, the first Interfraternity Sweepstakes race was held as part of Campus Week. Rules at that time required a wheel change at the midpoint of the race. Today, the tradition continues with modern-day Buggy and Booth competitions, part of Spring Carnival.

Dr. Doherty, Dr. Warner and friends, 1949

In 1938, the same year Tech played in the Sugar Bowl (losing to Texas Christian University, 15 -7), President Robert E. Doherty ended the practice of awarding athletic scholarships from university funds. Today's Tartans embody the spirit of the scholar-athlete and still pack a wallop—the 1990 Tartans were undefeated in their regular Division III season.

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GSIA's first computer, 1956

Carnegie Tech's first computer, an IBM 650, arrived on campus in 1956 in the Graduate School of Industrial Administration's Computer Center. It had a memory of about one-half of one percent of modern-day personal computers. Today, the university is known around the world for its pioneering work in computer science, artificial intelligence and robotics.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA
"MY HEART IS IN THE WORK" ANDREW CARNEGIE
1900
1912

The Brittania, 1917

During World War I, Tech was transformed into a military college. The WWI tank, the Brittania, cruised around campus. Seventeen temporary buildings were erected, including barracks for 3,000 men.

MMCC classroom, ca. 1911

Named in honor of Andrew Carnegie's mother, Margaret Morrison Carnegie College was one of the original units of Carnegie Tech, and provided women of the day with a progressive, professional curriculum. In 1970, the school's programs were merged into the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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March 1, 1915

To the Editors of the Thistle

When Mrs. Hamerschlag turned the first spade of earth to break ground for our buildings, we began a ten year program of construction which has exceeded our fondest hopes. We who had pledged ourselves to the task which confronted us have given to the work the best we have and the best we know, and the realization of our dream gives us grateful hearts, altho the greatness of the task leaves us humble at the end of the first decade.

We can now discern certain elements of strength in the Institute of Technology, such as simplicity of purpose, honest standards of scholarship, original attack on old educative processes, and a spirit of professional absorption in the studies offered; all of which encourage us to prophecy that when we can bring about unity of student living and develop the spirit of social democracy, that our institution will take high rank in the field of human service.

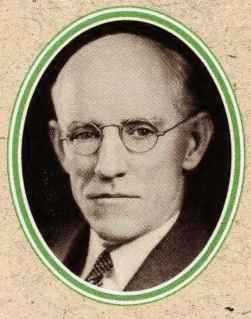
Ever yours,

Arthur Anton Hamerschlag

(This letter was originally written by Dr. Hamerschlag for the 1915 Thistle yearbook. The cover photograph shows Dr. and Mrs. Hamerschlag at the groundbreaking for Industries Hall in 1905.)

Arthur A. Hamerschlag
Director, Carnegie Technical Schools
1903-1912
President, Carnegie Institute of Technology
1912-22

Thomas S. Baker
President, Carnegie Institute of Technology
1922-1935



Robert E. Doherty
President, Carnegie Institute of Technology
1936-50

John C. Warner
President, Carnegie Institute of Technology
1950-65

H. Guyford Stever
President, Carnegie Institute of Technology
1965-67
President, Carnegie Mellon University
1967-71

Richard M. Cyert
President, Carnegie Mellon University
1972-90

Robert Mehrabian
President, Carnegie Mellon University
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